

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 217.3(6) and 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2460, section 12, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 51, “Eligibility,” and Chapter 52, “Payment,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments implement the January 1, 2017, cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increases to the income limits and benefit amounts for several State Supplementary Assistance (SSA) categories. These amendments also implement the changed personal needs allowance for residential care facility assistance and family life home assistance. The net change to the personal needs allowance is a decrease due to a small COLA percentage increase that is offset by a decrease in the average monthly Medicaid copays used to calculate the amount of this deduction.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before January 24, 2017. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, Fifth Floor, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may also be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations since the increases are required by federal and state law.

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 2891C**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit public comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 217.3(6) and 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2460, section 12.